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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

9 a.m. ■ Saturday, August 20, 2016

New Orleans, LA

*** MINUTES ***

President Darrel J. Papillion called the meeting to order at 9 a.m., on Saturday, August 20, 2016, in New Orleans. Business was conducted in accordance with the agenda below.

Agenda Item 1. Roll Call

Ms. Larsen called roll and advised that the following members, who constituted a quorum, were present:

President, Darrel J. Papillion
President-Elect, Dona K. Renegar
Secretary, Alainna R. Mire
Treasurer, H. Minor Pipes III
Immediate Past President, Mark A. Cunningham
Chair, Young Lawyers Section, Scotty E. Chabert, Jr.
First Board District Representative, Patrick A. Talley, Jr.
First Board District Representative, D. Skylar Rosenbloom
Second Board District Representative, John E. McAuliffe, Jr.
Third Board District Representative, Blake R. David
Fourth Board District Representative, J. Lee Hoffoss, Jr.
Fifth Board District Representative, C. Kevin Hayes
Fifth Board District Representative, Edward J. Walters, Jr.
Sixth Board District Representative, Charles D. Elliott
Seventh Board District Representative, C. A. "Hap" Martin, III
Eighth Board District Representative, Marjorie L. "Meg" Frazier
At-Large Member, John M. Frazier
At-Large Member, Rachael Johnson
From the Faculty of Loyola University College of Law, Monica Hof Wallace
From the Louisiana State Law Institute, Kevin C. Curry
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, Sandra K. Cosby

Also present were:

Leadership LSBA 2016/2017 Class Members:

Misha M. Logan
Claire A. Popovich
Jared G. Price
Brittany O. Rosenbloom

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Dayna M. Ryan
Rebecca Sha
Stacey A. Smith
Kristen N. Stringer
Charles M. Thomas
Joshua K. Williams
Micah C. Zeno

Executive Director, Loretta Larsen, CAE
Associate Executive Director, Cheri Cotogno Grodsky
Access to Justice Director, Monte Mollere
Communications Director, Kelly Wells Ponder
Information Technology Director, Tony LaVerde
Executive Assistant, Mindi Hunter

Absent were:

At-Large Member, Jermaine Guillory
From the Faculty of Southern University Law Center, Donald W. North
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Chair, Julie Baxter Payer
House of Delegates Committee on Liaison Member, S. Jacob Braud

Agenda Item 2. Introduction of Leadership LSBA 2016/2017 Class

Members of the class introduced themselves.

Agenda Item 3. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of Minutes

Consideration of approval of minutes from June 6, 2016 meeting of the 2015/2016 Board of Governors, and June 10, 2016 meeting of the 2016/2017 Board of Governors, both held in Destin, Florida.

b. Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education

Periodic report from the LCLCE, as required by the April 2010 cooperative endeavor agreement.

c. Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization

Annual Report from Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization.

Upon motion by Mr. David and second by Mr. Hoffoss, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved without discussion or debate.

Agenda Item 4. Nominating Committee – Darrel J. Papillion

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Mr. Papillion announced that the Nominating Committee had met on August 19 and unanimously nominated the following individuals:

- Barry H. Grodsky, President-Elect 2017-2018
- John E. “Eddie” McAuliffe, Jr., Secretary 2017-2019
- John M. Church, LSU Law Center Representative 2017-2019
- Ronald J. Scalise, Jr., Tulane University Law School Representative 2017-2019
- L. Kent Breard, Jr., Louisiana State Law Institute Representative 2017-2019

**Agenda Item 5. 2016 Combined Annual Meeting/Summer School for Lawyers & Judges
– Loretta Larsen and Cheri Cotogno Grodsky**

Ms. Larsen referred members to her written report, noting that the meeting was a success both financially and in terms of attendance. She added that the new four-day registration for attorneys was much appreciated and that staff would be recommending that it be offered moving forward.

Agenda Item 6. Single Billing 2016-2017 Recap – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen referred members to her written report, and advised that members who did not pay the required fees and file their Attorney Registration Statements by September 9, 2016 would be certified ineligible to practice law.

Agenda Item 7. Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program – Dona K. Renegar

Ms. Renegar reported on JLAP in her capacity as a member of its Board and as co-treasurer. She focused on: the responsibilities and accomplishments of employees who had been hired since the LSBA significantly increased its funding to JLAP; marketing efforts to inform LSBA members of services available from JLAP; services available to judges; and mental health programs. She also shared with the Board a comprehensive report from JLAP Executive Director Buddy Stockwell.

Agenda Item 8. Access to Justice – Monte T. Mollere

For the benefit of Leadership LSBA class members, Mr. Mollere gave a brief overview of the Access to Justice Program and its activities.

a. Lawyers in Libraries Statewide Day of Service

Mr. Mollere announced that the Lawyers in Libraries Statewide Day of Service would be held on Thursday, October 27, and encouraged Board members to volunteer. He referred the group to the website for more information: www.LouisianaLawyersinLibraries.org

b. Access to Justice Commission

Mr. Mollere briefly reviewed the written report on Access to Justice Commission activities.

Agenda Item 9. Section Council Meeting – Alainna R. Mire

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Ms. Mire reported on the August 18 meeting, noting that primary items of discussion were section fund balances and the increase in the LSBA's administrative fee to sections. She further reported that the Section Council had asked for the opportunity to address the Board of Governors at the annual and/or midyear meetings and that Mr. Papillion had agreed to this request.

Mr. Papillion added that a committee had been appointed to address the fund balance issue and it was likely that there would be a report to the Board at its October meeting.

Agenda Item 10. Louisiana Board of Legal Specialization – Darrel J. Papillion

Mr. Papillion announced that the Supreme Court had not yet acted on the LSBA's June 2016 recommendations for appointment to the LBLS.

Agenda Item 11. Transition Into Practice Program – Darrel J. Papillion

At Mr. Papillion's request, Mr. Grodsky reported on this issue by first giving an overview of the program and its origin. He noted that the initial two-year pilot program ends on December 31, 2016, and that in keeping with previous action of the House of Delegates (June 7, 2012) and Board of Governors (January 20, 2012), he would be asking the Supreme Court to extend the program for two additional years, and to expand it to a statewide program. The Board expressed its concurrence with that plan.

Agenda Item 12. Role of LSBA in Legislative Process – Darrel J. Papillion

Mr. Papillion said he wanted to begin a strategic discussion about the LSBA's role in the legislative process, in an effort to ensure the LSBA was operating in accordance with the parameters set forth in the Bylaws. There was a lengthy discussion on this issue, with the consensus of Board members being that the LSBA's participation in the process was important, but that the process itself is unwieldy and can result in too many positions, as well as positions which may be outside of the scope that is set forth in the Bylaws. Board members agreed to bring additional insight and suggestions to the October Board meeting, where the issue would be discussed in greater detail.

Agenda Item 13. Online Pro Bono – Monte T. Mollere

Mr. Mollere challenged Board members to participate in the online pro bono program LA.FreeLegalAnswers.org, which enables individuals to ask questions online and have questions answered by volunteer attorneys who remain anonymous. He advised that the program will launch on August 22, and that they are currently considering how it might be utilized in the disaster response efforts.

Agenda Item 14. Appointment of LCJC Board of Trustees – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen advised that this matter had been deferred until the October 2016 meeting.

**Agenda Item 15. Adoption of Resolution Regarding JLAP Employee Benefits
– Darrel J. Papillion**

Mr. Papillion advised that the Executive Committee had discussed this at length the issue of bringing JLAP employees under the umbrella of LSBA employee benefit plans and had thoroughly reviewed the resolution regarding same. He further advised that the Executive Committee had voted unanimously to recommend to the Board approval of the resolution.

Upon motion by Mr. McAuliffe and second by Mr. David, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the resolution which would merge the JLAP employee benefit programs into the LSBA employee benefit programs, ensuring that employees of both entities would receive the same benefits moving forward.

Agenda Item 16. Report of the President – Darrel J. Papillion

a. Law School Professionalism Programs

Mr. Papillion reported on the programs, noting that the LSU program had been postponed due to widespread flooding in Baton Rouge.

b. October 29 Meeting

Mr. Papillion announced that the next Board of Governors meeting will be held Saturday, October 29 in Baton Rouge and encouraged all Board members to plan to attend. He advised that additional information will be forwarded to Board members no later than mid-September.

Agenda Item 17. Report of the President-Elect – Dona K. Renegar

a. 2017 Combined Annual Meeting/Summer School at Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort

Ms. Renegar announced that the meeting would be held Sunday, June 4 through Friday, June 9 and encouraged all to plan to attend.

b. 2017/2018 Board of Governors Orientation

Ms. Renegar announced that the joint orientation with the YLD Council would be held Thursday, May 4 through Saturday, May 6, and asked all continuing Board members to mark their calendars.

Agenda Item 18. Report of the Secretary – Alainna R. Mire

Ms. Mire waived her report.

Agenda Item 19. Report of the Treasurer – H. Minor Pipes III

Mr. Pipes advised that the LSBA finished the 2015/2016 fiscal year with a surplus of just under

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\$200,000 for its internal operations. After taking into the account financial support for legal community partners, the LSBA experienced a deficit of just over \$150,000. Mr. Pipes advised that this was roughly \$400,000 better than budgeted.

Agenda Item 20. Report of the Immediate Past President – Mark A. Cunningham

Mr. Cunningham advised that indigent defense in Louisiana remains a challenging situation.

Agenda Item 21. Report of the Young Lawyers Division Chair – Scotty E. Chabert, Jr.

Mr. Chabert deferred to Ms. Ponder, who reported that the YLD was continuing its Wills for Heroes program, and that the second Louisiana 64 will be held at the 2017 Midyear Meeting. She further reported that the YLD had nominated Dylan Thriffiley to serve as Chair-Elect and Scott Sternberg to serve as Secretary, both for the 2017/2018 term.

Agenda Item 22. Report of the Executive Director – Loretta Larsen

Ms. Larsen advised that all matters had been covered elsewhere in the meeting.

**Agenda Item 23. Report of the Associate Executive Director
– Cheri Cotogno Grodsky**

Ms. Grodsky referred members to her written report.

Agenda Item 24. Other Business

Mr. Papillion reported that the LSBA had activated its disaster response plan in the wake of the widespread flooding in south Louisiana. He reviewed the substantial losses, especially in Denham Springs and Walker. He encouraged lawyers to either: donate funds to help those in the legal profession who were impacted by the flooding; or volunteer to provide legal assistance through the Disaster Resource Centers or the Louisiana Civil Justice Center. Mr. Papillion suggested that members go to LSBA.org for the latest information, or to donate or volunteer.

Ms. Grodsky added that the LSBA would hold a free seminar in Baton Rouge on September 7, to assist lawyers with getting their practices back up and running in the aftermath of the disaster.

Finally, Mr. Papillion reported that he and the LSBA will continue to be in contact with stakeholders including the Supreme Court, the Governor's office, judges, local bar leaders, SOLACE leaders, legal services providers and others to provide services and assistance to those in need.

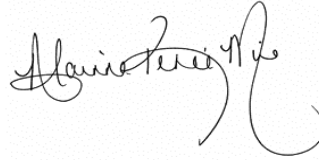
Adjourn

There being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Rosenbloom and second by Ms. Frazier,

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the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alainna R. Mire". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Alainna R. Mire
Secretary

APPROVED BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OCTOBER 29, 2016
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